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From: Thomas P Quinn [Thomas P Quinn <tquinn@u.washington.edu>]
Sent: 10/27/2010 3:31:32 PM
To: Michael Szerlog/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject: Re: Iliamna Lake, Pebble Mine, etc.

Michael,

Thank you very much for getting back to me. I am free all afternoon this Friday. Is there a time when I might come to your office to chat? If not, I have some time next Tuesday - all morning and mid-late afternoon, as I have a class from 2-3 pm.

Hope we can find a time,

best wishes,

Tom

On Wed, 27 Oct 2010, Szerlog.Michael@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

> Thomas,

> Greetings and sorry for the late response to your e-mail. Lease let me know

> what dates and times would be best for you to talk.

> Thanks

> Michael Szerlog, Manager

> Aquatic Resources Unit

> US EPA (206) 553 - 0279

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Thomas P Quinn [tquinn@u.washington.edu]

> Sent: 10/20/2010 08:31 PM MST

> To: Michael Szerlog

> Subject: Re: Iliamna Lake, Pebble Mine, etc.

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> Dear Michael,

> I was given your name as someone at EPA who is involved in activities related

> to the Bristol Bay region proximate to the proposed Pebble Mine development.

> By way of introduction, I am a professor at the University of Washington's

> School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences with 30 years of experience working on

> the ecology, behavior, evolution, and conservation of salmon, trout, and

> their ecosystems. I have spent at least part of the summer in the Iliamna

> Lake system since 1987 and am the primary faculty member running the field

> camps on this system.

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> I have been struck by the remarkable lack of research and monitoring being

> done by anyone other than consultants hired by the Pebble Limited Partnership.

> Perhaps I am mistaken and work is being done, and if so I stand corrected.

> However, it seems that the level of work on the streams that might be

> affected (e.g., by the roads and development itself, and also by more diffuse

> processes) is very limited. We (UW) have permanent but seasonally occupied

> field camps including boats, cabins, trucks, generators, bunkhouses, labs,

> etc. and other forms of infrastructure that would greatly facilitate

> monitoring programs on streams and the lake itself. We have been conducting

> research on this system for decades but much of that work is not directly

> applicable to the streams in question, and our level of funding has not

> allowed us to expand our program.

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> I am making this as an initial inquiry to see whether EPA might wish to enter

> into discussions with the UW about possible on-site research and monitoring

> of aquatic resources, water quality, and other features of this large
> ecosystem that might be affected by mining and associated changes in the
> environment. If any of this seems relevant to your mission, perhaps we could
> find a time to talk in person, or perhaps you can direct me to others within
> EPA if this is not something connected to your position. I hope I have not
> imposed on your time.
> sincerely,
> Tom Quinn
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> Thomas Quinn, Professor
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> ----- Forwarded message -----
> Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2010 15:07:15 -0700
> From: Parkin.Richard@epamail.epa.gov
> To: Rylko.Michael@epamail.epa.gov, Thomas P Quinn <tquinn@u.washington.edu>
> Cc: Szerlog.Michael@epamail.epa.gov
> Subject: Re: Fw: small favor re Alaska mining contacts
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> Hello Dr. Quinn,
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> Michael Szerlog is Manager of our Aquatic Resources Unit which
> will be involved in any wetlands permitting of mining projects in the
> Bristol Bay watershed. His number is 206-553-0279. Thank you
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> Rick Parkin
> U.S. EPA, Region 10
> (206) 553-8574
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